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Drug addiction Survey in the country

2779. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made about the extent of drug addiction in the country; if so, what is the estimated number of drug addicts;

(b) what are the States in which drug addiction is prevalent more acutely;

(c) what steps have been taken for the prevention of drug abuse;

(d) what is the number of various centres, including counselling centres, de-addiction-cum-rehabilitation centres and after care centres set up in the country during the last three years, year-wise, and the number of drug addicts treated at these centres; and

(e) whether drug addiction is tending to become a major national problem, what steps are being taken to prevent the sale of drugs to addicts and open sufficient number of de-addiction/rehabilitation centres in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. However, in the year 1988-89, Ministry of Welfare sponsored 23 studies in 31 towns and 2 border areas on a common format for the assessment of the problem of drug abuse, drug users and drug prevention services. This survey covered total sample of 6382 addicts.

(b) No State in the country was found to be untouched by the problem of drug abuse.

(c) Under the Central Sector Scheme of 'Assistance to voluntary Organisations for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention', a number of voluntary organisations have been given grant-in-aid for (i) setting up de-addiction, counselling and after-care centres, (ii) holding of deaddiction camps, (iii) awareness building programme, (iv) education and prohibition works; and (v) orientation and training programmes etc.

(d) (i) The number of counselling centres, deaddiction centres & after-care centres set up in the last three years is given below:

Centres	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
Counselling Centres	..	58	28
Deaddiction Centres	07	16	12
After-care Centres	..	05	02

(ii) Number of drug addicts treated at these centres:

Year;	No. of cases registered
1986-87	884
1987-88	12083
1988-89	37963

(e) (i) Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has been enforced since 1985 and its promulgation has acted as a deterrant to the sale of drugs (ii) So far, 108 counselling centres, 36 deaddiction centres and 7 after-care centres are being run by voluntary organisations till 31.7.1990.